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11	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
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13	MELVYN KLEIN,	Case No. 18-cv-04445-JSW	
14	Plaintiff,	JOINT STATUS	
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16	JOSEPH L. JACKSON, et al.,		
17	Defendant.		
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19	The parties submit this joint status t	apdate in response to the Court's February	
20	4, 2022, Order requiring a report on the current status of this matter.		
21	On July 23, 2018, Plaintiff Melvyn Klein, then a shareholder of WageWorks,		
22	Inc., filed this shareholder derivative case on behalf of WageWorks. Soon		
23	thereafter, the Court entered an order staying the case indefinitely.		
24	On August 30, 2019, WageWorks merged with HealthEquity, Inc. As a		
25	result of that transaction, Defendants contend Plaintiff and all other WageWorks		
26	shareholders lost standing to pursue any derivative claims as a matter of law.		
27	Plaintiff contended, however, that under D	Delaware law applicable to WageWorks,	
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1	he had an economic interest in the derivative litigation and possessed a direct		
2	inseparable fraud claim to remedy unlawful conduct that occurred pre-merger. See		
3	ParfiHolding AB v. Mirror Image Internet, Inc., 954 A.2d 911, 939 (Del. Ch.		
4	2008); Ark Teacher Retirement System v. Caiafa, 996 A.2d 321, 323 (Del. 2010).		
5	This claim for inseparable fraud was litigated in a separate, parallel action in <i>In re</i>		
6	WageWorks Derivative Litigation, Lead Case No. 18CIV03264, California Superior		
7	Court, San Mateo County. That action was dismissed without prejudice on forum		
8	selection grounds and the dismissal was affirmed on appeal.		
9	On February 17, 2022, counsel for Plaintiff filed a Suggestion of Death Upon		
10	the Record pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(a), informing the Court		
11	and Defendants of Plaintiff's passing.		
12	Defendants submit that the Court should now enter an order dismissing this		
13	action and closing the case. Rule 25(a)(1) provides:		
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15 16	Substitution if the Claim Is Not Extinguished. If a party dies and the claim is not extinguished, the court may order substitution of the proper party. A motion for substitution may be made by any party or by the decedent's successor or representative. If the motion is not made within 90 days after service of a statement noting the death, the action by or against the decedent		
17	successor of representative. If the motion is not made within 90 days after service of a statement noting the death, the action by or against the decedent must be dismissed.		
18	Fed. Civ. Proc. R. 25(a)(1). Defendants contend that because the WageWorks-		
19	HealthEquity merger extinguished the right of Plaintiff and all other WageWorks		
20 21	shareholders to pursue a derivative claim on WageWorks' behalf, there is no legal		
22	right or basis for any person to be substituted in Plaintiff's place. Accordingly,		
23	Defendants respectfully submit that this action should be dismissed now and an		
24	order be entered closing the case.		
25	Plaintiff's counsel is currently aware of no shareholder other than Mr. Klein		
26	or those who take under his death as potentially claiming any legal right or		
27	authority to substitute in as a plaintiff in this derivative action.		

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